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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY AND SADAT

REF A. STATE 139552; B. STATE 138358

1. I MET WITH MOHAMMAD RIAD EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO CONVEY YOUR MESSAGE TO SADAT AND FAHMY EXACTLY AS STATED PARA 2 REFTEL A. RIAD UNDERTOOK CONVEY MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA AND TO FAHMY IN MADRID. HE NOTED FAHMY IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO CAIRO TOMORROW EVENING AND THAT ISMAIL MIGHT WANT TO TALK WITH ME BEFORE MY DEPARTURE. HE ALSO NOTED SADAT MAY WANT TO SEE ME BEFORE I GO AND ASKED IF I WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

2. I ASKED HIM TO SAY I WAS AT THE PRESIDENT'S DISPOSAL AND, IF SADAT SHOULD WANT TO SEE ME, I COULD GO DOWN TO ALEXANDRIA TOMORROW, SUNDAY. I WAS ALSO AT FAHMY'S DISPOSAL SUNDAY NIGHT IF ISMAIL WISHED TO SPEAK TO ME.

3. PURSUANT REFTEL B, I ALSO TOLD RIAD WE DO NOT PLAN TO ANNOUNCE MY BEING CALLED BACK, BUT GAVE HIM THE CONTINGENCY RESPONSE SET FORTH PARA 4 THEREOF FOR USE IF QUERIES ARISE. I ASKED THAT GOE ALSO SAY

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NOTHING, BUT ANSWER ANY PERTINENT QUESTIONS

THAT MAY BE PUT TO IT ALONG SAME GENERAL LINES AS OUR PRESS
GUIDELINES. RIAD READILY AGREED.

4. I AM NOW SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CAIRO MORNING JUNE 16
ABOARD TWA FLIGHT. BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES,
I SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON SAME EVENING. I HOPE THIS
IS SATISFACTORY, SINCE I THINK IT IS DESIRABLE THAT
SADAT AND FAHMY HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO ME BEFORE
MY DEPARTURE IN CASE THEY HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO
CONVEY. I AM ALSO SEEING MINFINANCE ABU ISMAIL
TOMORROW MORNING IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SOME
CLARIFICATION ON WHAT IS BECOMING A RATHER
MUDDIED EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE OPERATION.
THIS IS LARGELY THE RESULT OF DISPARATE SETS OF FIGURES
WE AND THE GOE ARE USING IN STATING LATTER'S DEFICIT,
BUT THERE ARE ALSO OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED AS REPORTED
IN A SERIES OF PERTINENT MESSAGES WE HAVE SENT OUT
LAST TWO DAYS. I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO TRY TO GET
SOME CLARIFICATION BEFORE I GO BACK.
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